irrigated with the completion of Teesta Barrage Project of West Bengal;

(b) the percentage of work completed so far; and

(c) the area irrigated by this project till date?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Presently Sub-stage I of stage I of Teesta Barrage Project under Phase-I is under execution. The ultimate irrigation potential of this sub-stage is 527 th. ha.

(b) The percentage of work completed so far is as given below :

3 barrages namely, Teesta Mahananda and Dauk Nagar barrages and Teesta Mahananda link canal and Mahananda main canal have been completed. The progress of other 3 main canals and distribution system is as given below.

1.	Dauk Nagar Main Canal	66%
2.	Nagar Tangon Main canal	Nil
3.	Treesta Jal Dhaka Main canal	25%
4.	Distribution system	25%

(c) Against an ultimate potential of 527 th. ha. (thousand Hectares) a potential of 73.35 thousand hectare was likely to be created by March 1996.

Upgradation of Medical College

1319. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to upgrade the Guwahati Medical College into a fullfledged Medical Institute; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Kanhar Irrigation Project

1320. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister OF WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which Planning combined on had accorded approval to "Kanhar" Irrigation Project in Palamau district of Bihar;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on the said project so far;

(c) whether the Government propose to commission this project; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The Planning Commission has not accorded approval to Kanhar Irrigation Project.

(b) No expenditure has been incurred on the project so far.

(c) and (d). The State Government of Bihar is yet to settle the issue with the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. Though there is prescribed time for techno-economic appraisal of the project, the clearance of any project depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations of the various Central Agencies.

[English]

Four Laning of Nagpur Ring Road

1321. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding four laning of Nagpur Ring Road has been received from Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government of Maharashtra had submitted a proposal on 25.7.94 for four laning of Nagpur Ring Road between Wardha Road and Umred Road (km. 1.457 to km 6.871) for an estimated cost of Rupees 165 Lakhs which was sanctioned by this Ministry on 16.11.94 under the Central Road Fund Scheme.

[Translation]

Setting up of IDB

1322. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up a separate Institutional Development Bank (IDB) to provide financial assistance for the construction of roads and National Highways in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Production of Ballistic Missile by Pakistan

1323. DR. T . SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been reported that Pakistan is